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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE RIVER CHURCH, INC.
A Florida Non-Profit Corporation

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The undersigned, desiring to form a corporation not for profit, pursuant to the Laws of the State of Florida, as contained in Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes, hereby certify as follows:

ARTICLE I

Corporate Name

The name of this corporation shall be The River Church, Inc., whose mailing address shall be Post Office Box 1898, in the city of Melbourne, State of Florida 32902.

ARTICLE II

Corporate Nature

This is a not-for-profit corporation, and is organized solely for religious, charitable and social purposes, pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit law set forth in Section 617 of the Florida Statutes, as well as pursuant to Sec. 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

ARTICLE III

General and Specific Purpose

The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for such religious, charitable and social purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including, for such provisions, the receipt, maintenance and acceptance, as assets of the corporation, any property, by way of gift, bequest, devise or purchase, from any person, firm, trust or corporation, to be held, administered and disposed of in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation; but no gift, bequest, devise or purchase of any such property shall be received or made and accepted if it is conditioned or limited in such manner as shall require the disposition of income or principal to any organization other than a church or other organization formed for any purpose other than for "religious, charitable or social purposes" within the respective meanings of such quoted terms as defined herein or which would jeopardize

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the Federal Income Tax exemption of this corporation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in force or acts in amendment thereof or substitution therefor.

The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed is:

(a) to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the worship of God among its members and attendants, and practice the Christian virtues inculcated in the Holy Scriptures;

(b) to employ and discharge ordained ministers of the Gospel, and others, to conduct and carry on divine services at the place of worship of the members of the Corporation, and elsewhere, and to collect and disburse any and all necessary funds for maintenance of said Corporation and the accomplishment of its purposes; and

(c) to conduct accomplish and carry on its objectives, functions and purposes or any part thereof set forth in the Constitution, if any of the River as amended from time to time, within or without the State of Florida;

and for other religious, charitable and social purposes through the formation of a Southern Baptist church.

ARTICLE IV

Duration

This corporation shall exist perpetually, commencing upon the signing of these Articles, unless dissolved under provisions of its constitution, Bylaws or the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE V

Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation is as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
James M. O'Brien, Esq.	1686 W. Hibiscus Blvd. Melbourne, FL 32901

ARTICLE VI

Management of Corporate Affairs

(a) The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The method of election of directors shall be as determined by the Bylaws of the corporation.

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(b) The corporation shall hold and manage all property received and accepted by it to be administered hereunder, and shall pay over, transfer, distribute, administer, or otherwise deal with the principal and income thereof, in such manner or manners, and at such time or times, as in the judgment of the directors shall be suited to carrying out the purposes of the corporation. The Board of Directors shall oversee the employment of personnel, managers, administrators, assistants, secretaries, and other persons, agents, servants and employees, provided, always, however, that no part of the property held by the corporation, or the earnings thereon, shall inure or be payable to or for the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

(c) The Board of Directors shall have all the authority vested in it by Chapters 617 and 607 of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

(d) The corporation shall have all powers granted to it under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, provided that such powers are not in conflict with the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE VII

Initial Directors

The names and addresses of such first members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Timothy A. Reynolds	3870 Garvin Lake Drive Palm Bay, FL 32909
Joseph L. Milton	2823 School Drive, NE Palm Bay, FL 32905
Robert C. Touchston	1298 Cimarron Circle, NE Palm Bay, FL 32905

ARTICLE VIII

Corporate Officers

The Board of Directors shall elect the following officers: President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers and agents as the Bylaws of this corporation may authorize the Directors to elect from time to time.

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ARTICLE IX

Board of Directors

The number of Directors shall be set by the Bylaws. The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of no less than three (3) Directors. The Directors shall serve on the Board for the terms set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE X

Earnings & Activities of Corporation

(a) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered when deemed advisable by the Board of Directors and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE XI

Distribution of Assets

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation to another organization or organizations which are organized and operated for the same purposes for which this corporation is organized and operated or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable or social purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine.

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ARTICLE XII

Shareholders

There shall be no shareholders of this corporation.

ARTICLE XIII

Bylaws

Bylaws of this Corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new Bylaws may be adopted, by a vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIV

Amendment of Articles

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by a vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV

Indemnification

This corporation shall be permitted to indemnify any officer or director or any former officer or director to the fullest extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE XVI

Registered Agent and Office

The initial registered office of this corporation shall be the Law Offices of O'BRIEN RIEMENSCHNEIDER, P.A., 1686 West Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne, Florida, 32901, and the initial registered agent at that address shall be JAMES M. O'BRIEN, ESQ.

I, the undersigned, being the sole incorporator of this corporation, and including all the persons herein named as the subscribers of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this non-profit religious/charitable/social corporation under the laws of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation, this 10th day of April, 2001.


James M. O'Brien, Esq.

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**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR
THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS
STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act;

FIRST, that The River Church, Inc., a Florida Non-Profit organization, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office as indicated by the Articles of Incorporation in the City of Melbourne, County of Brevard, State of Florida, has named James M. O'Brien, Esq., 1686 West Hibiscus Boulevard, Melbourne, Florida, 32901, as its agent to accept service of process within the State.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.



James M. O'Brien, Esq.

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